Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of call <u>control</u> for continuous streams of data in packet switched networks including at least two local area networks <u>that are in</u> communication with one another across a connecting network, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining an acceptable packet loss rate for a call which is to be established between two of the local area networks;
- b) comparing actual packet loss rate to the acceptable packet loss rate; and
- c) dropping the call if the actual packet loss rate is greater than the acceptable packet loss rate; [[.]]

wherein, prior to actually dropping a call, said method includes the further step of changing priority of the transmission of the continuous stream of data when the actual packet loss rate is not acceptable, and repeating steps a) to c).

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Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein step c) includes determining for how long a period the actual packet loss rate has been happening and utilizing that period in deciding whether to drop

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of playing a recorded announcement when the call is to be dropped.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, further including the step of changing the increasing priority of the transmission of the continuous stream of data when the actual packet loss rate is not acceptable and repeating steps a) to c).

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3, further including the steps of storing data relating to dropped calls for future use.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further including the step of playing a recorded announcement when the call is to be dropped.

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

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Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, further including the step of storing data relating to dropped calls for future use.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further including the step of storing data relating to dropped calls for future use.